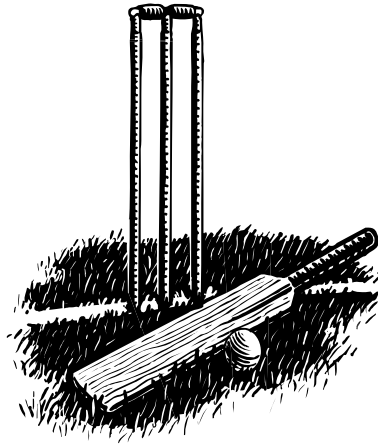


HYTHE UNDER 11'S NEWSLETTER.

Hi all,



Hythe U11s played away at Nonington on 19/7 and won by 2 runs.

A great bowling and fielding performance created a victory that probably our worst batting effort of the season had made look improbable halfway through the game.

Max continued with his 100% toss winning record and elected to bat first.

Our first pair was debutants **Jack H** and **Charlie**. Both batted with determination against the 2 best Nonington bowlers and swung freely at the ball when given the chance. **Jack** hit a powerful 4 through mid wicket and also called and ran well. **Charlie** showed no fear in his first outing with the bat and displayed a good eye for the ball. Unfortunately we lost 4 wickets with this partnership which more than accounted for the runs they were able to score.

Next in were **Theo** and **Sam** who scored steadily but again lost too many wickets. They also contributed a comedy run out which saw **Sam** run the length of the pitch and nearly make it all the way back after the run was declined! More on that later. The positive feature of this partnership was that both players scored runs playing straight in to the off side.

The third pair in were **Harry** and **Dylan**. Both batted safely and no wickets were lost in this partnership. **Dylan** as always batted elegantly and was always in line with a straight bat.

One way to increase the number of runs scored is to be more aggressive with your running. When blocking a straight ball look to see if the fielders are back on their heels. If they are, give a loud shout of “run” and set off.

Harry as always looked to hit the bad balls but in fairness to Nonington they did not bowl many of them. I think Harry got a bit frustrated with this.

Remember, if the ball can't be hit for a boundary you can still nick a single after a defensive shot.

Our last pair of **Max** and **Jack Armitage** batted superbly and scored enough runs to give our bowlers something to defend. A stand of around 50 runs from 5 overs was just what we needed. A feature of this partnership was not massive hitting, though several boundaries were struck, but the intelligent running which constantly put pressure on the fielders and caused them to make mistakes. **Max** scored steadily and supported **Jack** who top scored for us by a long way. **Jack** has been a revelation for us in the games he has played this season. He hits the ball well, improvises shots to maximise his scoring potential and is constantly thinking about the game.

We went out to field after a quick turnaround and really throttled the Nonington batting.

The first plaudit for our fielding goes to Charlie who played as wicketkeeper for the first time. A fantastic performance to concede only 3 byes, *Euan would have been proud! It was made all the more impressive considering you were hit in the face with a cricket ball by a large man wearing glasses before the match!* Just the warm up you needed! I was particularly impressed with a couple of one handed takes in the last over when the pressure was really on. **Well done Charlie!**

All the bowling was good supported by some good fielding with everyone on their toes. **Jack A took a good catch.**

Sam bowled a very tight spell and conceded only 5 runs from his 3 overs. **This was also the fourth successive game that Sam has conceded no wides or no balls in his 3 overs.** A very good achievement.

Jack A bowled well and picked up a couple of wickets. Funnily he bowled well from one end but struggled bowling at the end at which I was umpiring, conceding a few no balls.

Jack H rolled in to bowl his first ball of the season and took out their left handed wicket keepers leg stump. **Well bowled Jack!**

Theo took a wicket and was economical, bowling a good line and length whilst **Harry** was only given one over which he delivered as well on line and length. **Max** as usual bowled the last over and the pressure was really on this time with Nonington needing 10 from it.

As has often been the case this year **Dylan bowled a great spell** picking up another couple of wickets for not many. He now totals 11 wickets for the season.

So with 6 needed to win from the last ball and only a four being struck Hythe notched a good win.

Match Stats:



Batting:

	RUNS	DISMISSALS
Jack.H.	8	1
Charlie	2	3
Theo	8	1
Sam	6	3
Harry	5	0
Dylan	2	0
Max	10	0
Jack.A.	23	0



Bowling:

	overs	maidens	runs	wickets
Jack.H.	3	0	17	1
Theo	2	0	10	1
Sam	3	0	5	0
Harry	1	0	7	0
Dylan	3	0	14	2
Max	4	0	19	1
Jack.A.	4	0	24	2



Bowling point goes to Dylan.

Batting point goes to Jack.A.

Player of the Day goes to Charlie for a great debut behind the stumps and to Jack Hobbs for taking a wicket with his first competitive delivery of the season.

I really enjoyed seeing how you celebrated the taking of wickets on Sunday. Running in and high fiving the bowler and generally making a noise! It would be nice to see you all wearing your Hythe caps in the field though. I understand that several of you are missing these and we should be able to get them back to you on Sunday.

When batting you must always be awake to quick runs. If you are the batsman facing and the ball goes behind you then the decision whether or not to take a run belongs the batsman at the non striking end.

If he calls you through for a run then you must run. Normally you will be running to the safe end as the ball tends to get thrown to the wicket keeper. If you hit the ball in front of the wickets then the decision to call for a run is the batsman at the strikers end. Always call clearly and remember to slide your bats in to the crease rather than placing them down as you cross the line.

Things were a bit different on Sunday with changes in the bowling allocations. Having since re-read the Saxon Shore League rules I believe that our normal bowling share of 6 bowlers bowling 3 overs and one bowling 2 overs is correct. Should we come up against this again I think we will stick to our tried and tested allocation as we have generally succeeded this year playing as a team with all playing a full part in our successes.

We also need another parent to score or umpire for next season as after the game I noticed an error in the scoring that could have cost us the match. The scorer had accidentally given a run out decision against us that was actually given not out. That this was accidental is without doubt, but had we had a scorer verifying all the scores recorded our win would have been a little more comfortable.



It was good to see so many parents at the game cheering the lads on and I think we out numbered Nonington at their home game!

Well done to our debutants and as far as the league goes thank you to Jack A for a wonderful contribution to the team.



I hope Jamie got on well in his golf tournament last week and look forward to welcoming him back on Sunday. I also hope **Guy** and **Harry Williams** are looking forward to their debuts.

Cheers,

Rod.